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AG Bruning: Former Ravenna Police Officer Convicted for Sexual Assault of a Child

LINCOLN—Attorney General Jon Bruning announced today that former Ravenna police officer Larry Williams, 54, was found guilty by jury on five counts of first-degree sexual assault and one count of first-degree sexual assault of a child in Buffalo County District Court. The crimes occurred while Williams was a Ravenna police officer.

“Mr. Williams victimized a child he had sworn to protect,” said Bruning. “Today’s conviction ensures justice has finally been served.”

Nebraska State Patrol and Attorney General’s Office investigations determined Williams was sexually involved with a teenage girl between 2001 and 2003, starting when the girl was 14-years-old. Williams resigned from the Ravenna Police Department in January 2005.

First-degree sexual assault is punishable by one to 50 years in prison. First-degree sexual assault of a child is punishable by zero to five years.

Williams had previously been tried in 2007 and 2010, each trial ending in a hung jury. Charges against Williams were never dropped.

Sentencing has been set for September 3, 2010.

Assistant Attorney General Doug Warner handled the case.